



SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"

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Recreation



SPAR congratulates Shalon Lewis, the manager at Valencia, on being named the Recreation Department 2009 Employee of the Year. Congrats Shalon!

Athletics



The 2009 Youth Football season saw 84 teams participating from 5-6 Flag to 13-14 Tackle, the largest number of teams to ever take part. The season began on Sep 12 and concluded with the 25th Annual SPAR Junior Independence Bowl on Saturday, Nov 14 at Independence Stadium.

Championship games winners were Calvary Cavaliers Green - 7 Flag, Calvary Cavaliers White—8 Tackle, Bill Cockrell Gators - 9 Tackle, Hattie Perry Outlaws - 10 Tackle, XPress Sports - 11 Tackle, Hattie Perry Outlaws - 12 Tackle and Linwood Wildcats - 13-14 Tackle.

The Fall 2009 Adult Basketball season is now underway with 18 teams participating in two divisions. The season will conclude with the playoffs in January. Registration for the 2009-10 Industrial League has ended and schedules are being developed for the season that begins on Dec 6. This league, designed for company teams, will conclude with the playoffs in April 2010.

The 2009 Girls Basketball League ended November 12. Winners were 8 Under: Andrew Currie 1st, Judson Warriors 2nd & Judson Black 3rd; 12Under: Southern Mystics 1st, Keithville Lady Eagles Blue 2nd & Keithville Lady Eagles White 3rd; 14 Under: Keithville Lady Eagles 1st, Southern Hills Queen 2nd & Walnut Hill 3rd. 14 Under: Keithville Lady Eagles 1st, Southern Hill Queens 2nd & Walnut Hill 3rd.

SPAR Presents King & Queen of Swing!



The City of Shreveport Public Assembly and Recreation Department (SPAR) presents the "King & Queen of Swing", Jimmy "Mr. Lucky" & Beverly "Lady Luck" Lynch, at Bill Cockrell Community Center, 4109 Pines Road. Dance instructions for Texas Swing (Ballroom), Cha Cha, Two Steppin', Tango, Second Beat "Swing-O" and Line Dances. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Come and Dance with Us! Get in shape the fun way! Everybody dance now! Call 318-629-4185 or 318-869-0945.

Youth Programs



SPAR's Harvest Camp was an overflow success this year. SPAR's Winter Camp runs December 21-24, 8 AM to 6 PM subject to possibility of centers closing Christmas Eve. Register now before its too late! SPAR youth attended the "Ballin' on the Red" high-school basketball tournament at LSUS courtesy of the City. Also many received tickets and transportation to E&G Productions' reality stage play, "The Snatcher", at Praise Temple Church.

There is more than just "school" in SPAR's After School Program, so be sure to register your child for next year's program now at the community-center of your choice.

Upcoming Events

December 4 ▪ Merry Berry Lighting Ceremony (Bilberry Park) 6pm - 10pm

December 11 ▪ Praise Dance & Stomp Competition (Bilberry Park) 6pm - 8pm

December 11 ▪ Christmas Gala (Airport Park) 5:30pm - 8pm

December 12 ▪ Merry Berry Christmas Festival (Bilberry Park) 10am - 5pm

December 14 ▪ Therapeutic Holiday Dance (Riverview Hall) 5pm - 8pm

Merry Christmas!



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Merry Berry Christmas!

SPAR in association with the Bilberry Community Center Park Advisory Council, the West Caperton Concerned Citizens and the Shreveport Police Dept will hold the 13th Annual Merry Berry Christmas Festival on Saturday, December 12th from 10:00am to 5:00pm at Bilberry Park Community Center, 1902 Alabama. This annual Christmas celebration will include the Merry Berry Christmas Parade, Mss SPAR Pageant, Spelling Bee & Essay Contests, a Car Show, the Battle of The Bands, live entertainment and other great events and activities.

Preceding the Saturday festival will be the annual Merry Berry Christmas Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 4 at the park from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. Also on Friday, December 11, the Praise Dance and Stomp competition will be held at the center. Come out and enjoy great family fun and entertainment with SPAR!

For more information call Harold Williams, Center Manager at 318.673.5345 or visit www.myspar.org.

Santa Express



The "Santa Express" Mail Service is available from December 1 through December 18 to take children's letters directly to the big guy. Drop your letter (with return address) in one of the "Santa Express" mailbox locations; either inside the lobby of Government Plaza or at Bilberry Park Community Center, and get a reply letter directly from ole' Saint Nick himself. For more info call Catherine Kennedy, SPAR at 673-7892.

Senior Happenings



During November our Seniors were busy. All Centers featured Thanksgiving luncheons, as the Seniors counted the many "Blessings" received. Hattie Perry introduced their new Senior Choir, where they had over 15 plus angelic voices. Catherine Kennedy, SPAR Division Manager, was the speaker for the ceremony which included a luncheon.

For Veteran's Day, all Centers honored their unsung heroes. Airport Park was presented a U.S. and State Flag from the Caddo Parish School Board. Camille Webb and Nick Robberson presented the Reserve and National Guards a Proclamation received from National Defense Office, Washington, D. C.

At Southern Hills, guests danced the night away at the Annual Country & Western Dance. There were contests for best dressed couple, best dressed cowboy, best dressed cowgirl, best dancers, best western hat and best western boots. Conrad Lindsey and the Mason Dixon Band played. They just had them a good "ole" time.

The last quarter computer classes graduation will be held on December 18 at 11:00am at Southern Hills community center. Keynote speaker will be Shelly Ragle, SPAR Director. Registration for the classes that start on January 11 begin December 1 and ends on December 18. Registration forms are available at each center and online at www.myspar.org